

## **CHICAGO ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL**



# **Ensure Your Lost Pet Returns Home: Collars, ID Tags and Registered Microchips Work!**

Placing an **ID** tag on your pet's collar engraved with your pet's name and a contact number AND microchipping (and registering the microchip of) your pet is the number one way to ensure your lost pet returns home. Did you know that only 33 percent of people actually place an ID tag on their pet? And many pet owners who microchip their pet – i.e., have a small chip with identifying information implanted under their pet's skin that can be scanned at a vet's office or shelter – never actually take the next critical step of registering it with the microchip company. In fact, less than 60 percent actually do so. Since January 1, 2016, 2,653 dogs and 2,558 stray cats were impounded at CACC. Of those, 903 dogs and 71 cats were reunited with their owners. Of those, only 284 dogs and 20 cats had microchips and very few wore collars and tags. These simple steps will help ensure wayward cats and dogs make it back to where they belong: home.

#### **How to Find Your Lost Pet!**

Lost pets can wind up in many places in Chicago, including vet's offices, shelters, people's homes, and CACC. If your pet has been brought in as a stray to CACC, you can search for your pet by visiting <a href="https://www.petharbor.com/chicago">www.petharbor.com/chicago</a> to view photographs of stray animals at the facility. Check back often. If you find your pet, please make a note of the Animal ID # and print out the Lost Pet Report Form. Lost pet tours are given every day at quarter past the hour, beginning at noon, and end at 6:15. For more information, please visit CACC's Web site.

There are a number of additional lost and found pet resources available, including Lost Dogs Illinois (<u>www.lostdogsillinois.org</u>) and Helping Lost Pets (<u>www.helpinglostpets.com</u>).

### **EVENTS**

CACC's General Volunteer Orientations!

October 1, 2016 10:30 a.m.

October 21, 2016 5:00 p.m.

2741 S. Western

CACC Low Cost Vaccine/Microchip and Tag Clinic

October 12, 2016 2741 S. Western 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Adoption Event at the Chicago Wolves Game

October 15, 2016, 7 p.m. Allstate Arena, Rosemont Illinois

# Adoptable Chicago Dogs and Cats – Adoption Fee \$65

(Includes spay/neuter, vaccines, and microchip!)



Ten-month-old Chalo is a bouncy, happy guy who LOVES to play fetch. We've taught him how to trade his ball for a treat, which makes it so much easier to play. He is learning sit (treats help!). Like any young, energetic dog, he will benefit from basic manners training which will be great fun for the whole family!



Sweet, curious Zelda was lost and confused outside, but a Good Samaritan brought her to CACC on 9/28 and we decided to get her ready for adoption right away. This five-month-old tween "pastel calico" deserves to find a home just as quickly! She'll repay you with warm purrs and crazy kitty antics!